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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Heubel et al.

Group Art Unit 2644

Examiner: Grier, Laura A.

Serial No. 10/032,918

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APPARATUSES AND METHODS FOR
RECOGNIZING AN AUDIO INPUT AND
MUTING AN AUDIO DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

September 20, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein in response to the office action mailed June 18, 2004. Applicants

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respectfully submit that the amendments and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 6, and 9-11 have been amended. Claims 5 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1-4, 6-7, and 9-14 are now pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and further examination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims being on page 3; and

Remarks begin on page 10.